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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC CHEQUE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to provide clarification.

In the Official Action, claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failure to specifically delineate how to enable the Applicants' invention and realize the best mode of operation. Further, claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-22.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) Method of payment by electronic cheque between a payment issuer furnished with a medium (1) comprising at least one blank electronic cheque certified by

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